Note from the Editor
Emma Deignan ‘18
This year I decided to make myself a promise. I vowed to myself that I would be a "joiner" this year. As a senior, I felt it was my duty to soak up every last opportunity Luther and the Decorah community offered. And, to be frank, I felt like I had nothing to lose. So far, my new mindset has already affected my experience on campus: I feel more connected to my peers and the school, more energized to get work done, and generally more positive. Encourage your student to take this leap with me; there's nothing to lose!

"One day, I decided to help wherever I could & it was almost like magic because I was exactly what the world needed everywhere I went" - Brian Andreas, StoryPeople

If you have questions, comments, or concerns about this month’s Parent Newsletter, I encourage you to contact us at parentnewsletter@luther.edu.

Message from Corey Landstrom
Vice President and Dean for Student Life

The year is off and running and students are working to find their groove. The first football game on the new Legacy Field resulted in a fifth straight victory over St. Olaf College. The tennis courts were dedicated last weekend following an extensive renovation. The women’s team, which competes in the fall, has won their first two matches on the home courts. Men’s and women’s soccer, cross country, and golf as well as volleyball are also in season. All the teams are preparing for their Iowa Conference seasons. Read more.

Luther News

Monarch banding Sept. 17 in Anderson Prairie
The migration of monarch butterflies to Mexico has begun, and so the Luther College entomology class hosted a monarch butterfly migration banding event in Anderson Prairie on the Luther campus on Sunday, Sept. 17. Read More.

Alumni art exhibit at Luther College Sept. 6 - Oct. 13
An art exhibit featuring works made by 15 Luther College art alumni will be on display Sept. 6-Oct. 13 in the Preus Library on the Luther
The exhibit is open to the public with no charge for admission. This year's alumni exhibition features works created by artists who have pieces currently in the Luther College Fine Arts Collection and also are celebrating reunions at this year's Homecoming. The show will include both 2-D and 3-D pieces, as well as video. 

Luther Events Calendar

**Volleyball - Nebraska Wesleyan University**
Friday, Sept. 29, 2017
7:30 p.m.
Home

**The Dance Marathon Donut Dash**
Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017
10 a.m.
Baker Commons

**Homecoming "Rally in the Valley"**
Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017
8 p.m.
Regents Center, Main Gym

All Thing$ Financial

- The 2018-19 FAFSA will be available for completion online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) beginning October 1. Families will use 2016 tax information to complete the FAFSA.
- Registration holds will be applied in October for any student with an outstanding balance or missing Financial Aid documents. Encourage your student to check their web statement of account and missing documents on my.luther.edu. Students were sent e-mail notification on September 19 if they had missing documents.
- J-Term Study Away payments are due in three installments: the first was due September 15. The two remaining payments are due October 15 and the final on December 1.
- Students with an outstanding balance due for Fall semester or a J-Term Study Away need to secure a Federal PLUS or private loan now if they have not done so already.
- The Financial Aid Office is currently awarding endowed scholarships. In most cases, these scholarships do not increase student's overall financial aid support; it is simply replacing a portion of a student's Luther Grant by identifying the actual source of the funding in the financial aid package. Current levels of scholarship and grant assistance would not be possible without the generous support of donors.
- Monthly emails were sent to students on September 20 regarding their Statement on Account. Late charges will be posted on October 10. Please see Financial Services Late Fee Policy for exceptions.